IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) A method of making a stent having at least a portion for insertion or implantation into the body of a patient, wherein the stent comprises a sidewall having a plurality of openings therein and wherein at least a part of the sidewall comprises a surface formed from a porous material having a plurality of voids therein to release at least one biologically active agent therefrom, the method comprising loading the porous material with the biologically active agent by:

a) forming a solution or suspension of the biologically active agent;

b) placing the stent into the solution or suspension;

c) placing an electrode in the solution or suspension;

d) applying an electric current to the stent and the electrode; and

e) allowing at least some of the biologically active agent to be loaded into the voids, wherein at least a portion of the biologically active agent is releasable from the stent upon insertion into the body.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electrode functions as a cathode and the biologically active agent has a negative charge.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electrode functions as an anode and the biologically active agent has a positive charge.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the stent comprises a metallic material.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the stent is a self-expanding stent.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the stent is a balloon-expandable stent.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the biologically active agent is heparin.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the biologically active agent is loaded immediately before implantation of the stent.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein at least some of the voids contain a particulate material prior to placing the stent into the solution or suspension.

14-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) A method of making a stent having at least a portion for insertion or implantation into the body of a patient, wherein the stent comprises a sidewall having a plurality of openings therein, and wherein the sidewall has a surface adapted for

exposure to body tissue of the patient, and wherein at least a part of the surface of the sidewall is formed from a porous material having a plurality of voids therein to release at least one biologically active agent therefrom, the method comprising loading the porous material with the biologically active agent by:

a) forming a solution or suspension of the biologically active agent;

b) placing the stent into the solution or suspension;

c) placing an electrode in the solution or suspension;

d) applying an electric current to the stent and the electrode; and

e) allowing at least some of the biologically active agent to be loaded into the voids,

wherein at least a portion of the biologically active agent is releasable from the stent upon insertion into the body.